

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO*

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

Dry Heat in Gynecology.—The value of various physical agencies in the treatment of disease has been recognized for many years, but for the development of physical therapeutics in the modern sense we are indebted to the investigations of the past decade. To Bier particularly we owe much for placing certain phases of the subject on a rational and scientific basis. . . .

From an article on "Chronic Colitis" by Dudley Fulton, M.D., Los Angeles.

This paper is a résumé of one hundred and fifty-eight cases of chronic colitis. Only those cases are included in this series in which the disease was limited to the large bowel. . . .

From an article on "The Treatment of Mucomembranous Colitis from the Standpoint of Its Bacterial Origin" by Ray Lyman Wilbur, M.D., Palo Alto.

Mucomembranous colitis occupies a peculiar position among the more chronic ailments with which the physician has to deal, in that, while often a prompt curative result follows treatment, just as frequently an apparently similar case handled along the same lines or by other careful measures remains practically unchanged. . . .

From an article on "A Phase of Unequal Inspiratory Murmur" by T. C. Edwards, M.D., Salinas.

I wish to call your attention to what I might term an accentuation of the inspiratory murmur which is synchronous with the action of the heart. . . .

From an article on "The Immediate Removal Treatment of Morphin Habituation" by R. E. Bering, M.D., Tulare.

At our meeting held at Riverside in 1905 I presented a short paper on the method of treating patients with hyoscin hydrobromate for the morphin habit. At that time I gave the members all the information I then possessed. During the time that has intervened I have received many letters from different sections of the country asking for more detailed information. . . .

From an article on "Rheumatism—Its Relation to Diseases of the Throat" by B. F. Walker, M.D.

In presenting this paper, I have selected a subject that is of interest, alike to the general practitioner and the specialist, and one especially in this vicinity, is a condition that comes under our notice very frequently. . . .

Department of Tropical Medicine in Oakland College of Medicine:

The intimate trade relationships now existing between the Pacific Coast and tropical and semi-tropical countries, and the still more intimate relationships that will spring out of the opening of the Panama Canal render unnecessary any special arguments concerning the necessity of the study of tropical diseases in all

* This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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News Items

"Aris Amaral, self-styled 'divine healer,' must spend 180 days in jail on his conviction of practicing medicine without a license. . . . The healer was charged with treating beautiful women in his 'Temple of Isis' in Hollywood. . . ." (Los Angeles *Evening Post*, July 28, 1934.)

"After serving only seven months of a three-year sentence for manslaughter, after he pleaded guilty to an illegal operation on a Mexican woman, which caused her death, Doctor Castillio was released from the county jail yesterday by Superior Judge F. A. Leonard after Probation Officer George Larmore recommended the modification of sentence and the District Attorney approved it. . . . Doctor Castillio will be subject to rigid rules during his probation, Judge Leonard stated." (*Orange Belt News*, San Bernardino, July 18, 1934.) (Previous entry, January, 1934.)

"Seeking to cope with the sudden development in Los Angeles of more than a score of assertedly fraudulent insurance company promotions, District Attorney Buron Fitts yesterday created a new investigational division in his office, to be known as the Insurance Fraud Department. The three department members—Deputy District Attorney David L'Esperance and Investigators Harry M. Owens and Stephen Nowakowski—immediately plunged into an investigation of complaints indicating that nearly \$500,000 in worthless insurance may have been sold here by uncapitalized and unlicensed companies during the last eighteen months. . . . Small 'mutual' life insurance concerns, policyholders of which are asserted to pay benefits to the relatives of deceased policyholders, will form one general subject of inquiry and 'accident and health' insurance concerns, selling policies on alluring representations which they assertedly cannot fulfill, will form another, L'Esperance said. . . ." (Los Angeles *Examiner*, July 20, 1934.)

"Launching a drive to rid Los Angeles of assertedly fraudulent 'health insurance' enterprises, District Attorney's investigators late yesterday raided the offices of the International Travelers' Health Association at 1058 South Grand Avenue. . . . The two men, Benjamin Balos, reputed organizer of the Association, and J. W. Lee, who succeeded Balos as president, were charged with conspiracy to commit petty theft and conspiracy to conduct an insurance company without a license. . . . The complaint specifically charged that the two officers and their agents took more than \$1,000 from twenty-six asserted victims, in return for health and accident policies, which the prosecutor alleged were of no value. . . . The State Medical Board and the Los Angeles County Medical Association were instrumental in supplying evidence for the proposed prosecution. . . ." (Los Angeles *Examiner*, July 13, 1934.)

"Arrested by State Narcotic Officers, Paul Wright, 1042 West Twenty-fourth Street, was turned over to federal authorities this week for prosecution on charges of violating the Harrison Narcotic Act. . . . According to officers, the physician had prescribed

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